

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A continuous process for the manufacture of a veil comprising:

a. - forming a dispersion of chopped filaments comprising glass filaments and discontinuous PVOH fibers in a process water, ~~wherein the weight of PVOH fibers comprises 1.5 to 20% of the total weight of chopped filaments and PVOH fibers, then~~

b. - forming a bed in a forming device by passing the dispersion over a forming cloth through which the process water is drained, said cloth being a conveyor belt, the filaments and fibers being retained on said cloth, then

c. - subjecting the bed to a heat treatment on a conveyor belt in a stoving device, wherein said veil comprises glass filaments and 1.5 to 15% by weight of a binder which comprises PVOH,

wherein the passage from the forming device to the stoving device causes the bed to undergo at least one belt hop.

2. (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein the passage from the forming device to the stoving device causes the bed to undergo at least one belt hop~~ wherein the weight of PVOH fibers comprises 1.5 to 20% of the total weight of chopped filaments and PVOH fibers.

3. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chopped glass filaments are introduced into the process water in the form of yarns comprising 10 to 2000 dispersible filaments.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight of PVOH fibers comprises 2.5 to 15% of the total weight of chopped filaments and PVOH fibers.

6. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the PVOH fibers have a length ranging from 3 to 15 mm.

7. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein at the beginning of the forming step, the total weight of filaments + fibers represents 0.01 to 0.5% of the weight of the dispersion.

8. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein at the beginning of the forming step, the total weight of filaments + fibers represents 0.02 to 0.05% of the weight of the dispersion.

9. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the process water comprises a thickener and has a viscosity of between 1 and 20 mPa.s at 20.degree. C.

10. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 9, wherein the process water comprises a thickener and has a viscosity of between 5 and 12 mPa·s at 20°C.

11. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the veil comprises 2.5 to 10% by weight of binder.

12. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the PVOH fibers form 25 to 100% of the total weight of binder in the veil.

13. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the binder is exclusively PVOH.

14. (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the veil comprises at least 80% by weight of glass in the form of filaments.

15-22 (Canceled).